Dear Reader,

My Zine is all about New York City. The reason why I have chosen this topic is because it is a fun, big and great place to go to! I was born in New York City on January 3, 2001. I was raised there for about five years and then I moved to Bryn Mawr, Philadelphia. If you end up going to New York City, you should definitely follow my guide in my expository piece. If you still don’t know if you would like to go to New York City then you should read my persuasive piece. My descriptive piece also talks about the bright and colorful Dylan’s Candy Shop in New York City. If you would like to read about one of my own adventures then read my Personal Narrative. My fun bonus poem also talks about what New York has to offer. My Zine is all about New York City so enjoy!

Sincerely,

**My Awesome Weekend in New York City**

Last December 2011, I went to New York City with my mom and dad. We had a great trip and had a lot of fun. It’s amazing how many fun things we did in just one weekend. We went to FAO Schwartz, Central Park, Radio City Music Hall, Cafe Balou and Nike Town. I can’t believe how many great things there are to do in just one city.

After we checked into our hotel, The Loews Regency, we walked to the famous FAO Schwartz, which is a huge toy store that has everything. Whenever you go, there is always a line to get in because there are always tons of people eager to see the store. My favorite thing I did in the store was to make a Muppet. He has a blue body, big blue bug eyes, a pointy yellow nose, crazy purple hair and even a “what not” sweatshirt. Not only does he have style, but he has personality too. Another cool thing I did at FAO Schwartz was I went on the Big Piano. The Big Piano isn’t just any piano. You actually step onto the piano keys and use your feet to make music instead of your hands. After a great time at FAO Schwartz, we headed to Central Park for a nice walk.

We walked around Central Park and saw some interesting sights. We saw people ice skating on a large rink with loud music playing. Even though I never got to ice skate, I could tell that would be fun to do. We also walked by the Central Park Zoo and saw lots of animals. I really enjoyed watching the sea lions swimming and playing in the water. I even got splashed by one of the sea lions! While walking through Central Park, we saw lots of rocky hills that were really fun to climb. Then it was time to head over to Radio City Music Hall to see the Christmas Spectacular Show.

Visiting Radio City Music Hall is a great experience. It is a huge, over the top theater that has been around for many years. The show that we saw was called The Christmas Spectacular Show and it was a show that had everything in it. It even had a 3-D movie where you needed to wear 3-D glasses! It also had the famous Rockettes doing their dancing routines with music playing in the background. One of my favorite dances that they did was when the Rockettes were dressed as soldiers and they fell back one at a time into each other’s arms until the last soldier was standing. After all that entertainment, we had an appetite and were ready for dinner.

My dad made reservations at Café Balou, one of New York City’s best restaurants. It was a spectacular restaurant! If I were a food critic I would give this restaurant 5 stars. The food was amazing and so was the service. I started with an asparagus soup and then I asked the chef to prepare a chicken dish for me that was delicious. The other things on the menu sounded like they were to rich for me. For dessert I had a special chocolate cake with homemade dulce de leche ice cream. After a full stomach and a full day, I was ready to go back to my hotel to sleep. After such an amazing day, I was excited about what would happen tomorrow.

When I woke up the next morning, my mom, dad and I decided to go to Nike Town, a five-story store with all Nike products. When you first walk in you think, “Wow, this is one huge Nike store!” A really cool feature about the store is that there are these large clear tubes that you see on every floor with shoeboxes flying up and down. I ended up going to the fifth floor where there is a section called Nike ID. This is the place where you can design certain Nike products such as shoes, jackets, and bags. I got an appointment with a nice lady who helped me design a new pair of shoes. We used a computer to customize my shoes. The shoes are high-tops and they are blue, yellow and gray. Even though I had to wait 6 weeks to get my shoes, they are really comfortable and look really cool. Sadly we had to leave Nike Town and New York City to head back home.

This was a really great trip to New York City. Even though we did so many things, we only scratched the surface of what there is to do in New York City. It is always exciting to go back to New York City because there are always countless things to do. I can’t wait for my next trip back to New York City.

**New York City, Best Place to Go**

 New York City is the place to go! This place is one of the biggest tourist attractions in the whole wide world! There is everything you could want here, including- toy stores, clothing stores, restaurants, pet stores, movie theaters, parks, and everything you could think of! Some of the cool stores are the Mac store and Dylan’s Candy Shop. The Mac store here is amazing. The only way to get to the store is to take a glass elevator that looks amazing! As you go down the crowded elevator try to get to the side of the elevator so that you can see what the store looks like through the glass elevator. Once you go down it is a Mac lovers dream. Everywhere you look you see *The New I pad*, *the I phone 4s, and all of your favorite kinds of Mac Computers.* It is really crowded down there but if you need help just go to one of the guys in the blue shirt. Another cool store is Dylan’s Candy Shop, a candy lovers dream store. Wherever you walk, you stand on glass that has candy underneath it, and you always see people eating candy wherever you go. You also get some of the candy from a vintage candy holder. A really cool restaurant is called The Landmark. This place has amazingly good food! This place has what ever you seem to be in the mood from mussels to Cheese Burgers. When you are ready for dessert make sure that you get the watermelon cotton candy! Not only does New York City have stores and restaurants but they have great parks and monuments too. A cool monument is the Empire State Building. This Building is the second tallest building in The United States of America! The Empire State building was made to compete with the height of the Eiffel Tower. Another cool attraction is the statue of liberty. Which was made in France (as a present). These things are just a few of the many things that you can do in New York City!



**How To Have A Great Day In New York**

New York City is a fun place with a lot of exciting things to do! This is the guide on how to have a great day in New York City. First, you will need to pack up and get ready for about a two-hour drive to New York City from Philadelphia. Next, you will need to book a room at a hotel to stay in. Secondly, you should go pay a visit to Nike Town New York. Here you will need to buy a new pair of shoes. The reason why is because you will be walking a lot on the streets to get to all of the stores you will go to. When you buy the shoes there is still more to do here. Nike Town has five huge floors that have about every Nike Product there is. There is even a small clear elevator meant for carrying shoes to a certain floor. Thirdly, after walking and walking a great way to relax is to see a show on Broadway. New York is famous for its amazing shows on Broadway. In all of New York City there are about two hundred shows. One of my favorite shows that I have ever seen was Spider Man the musical! This show has every genre and during the show, Spider Man even flies over you. The next stop is to go to Central Park. Central Park has many exciting things to do. From fun playgrounds to an ice-skating rink, merry-go-round, rocks to climb, and even a wonderful zoo, the enjoyment never ends. Finally, after a long day of having fun there is one more place to go and that place is Dylan’s Candy Shop. Here you can cool off with lemonade, ice cream and other sweet treats. After an amazing day, it’s time to head back to your hotel and rest up for the excitement that tomorrow brings. If you follow this guide you will definitely have a great day in New York City.

**Dylan’s Candy Shop**

After a day of walking and walking and walking in New York City there is one place you need to go and that place is Dylan’s Candy Shop. Dylan’s Candy shop is a great place that appeals to all of your senses because it is filled with candy. No matter where you go you can’t stop, because of all the amazing things. This place really is a candy lover’s paradise! Everywhere you look you always see bright colors that always make you happy! Some of the colors you would see are blue, yellow and red. Did I mention that this place is HUGE, including three gigantic floors! As you walk through this store you can’t avoid hearing all of the children having a great time. There is even music playing wherever you are in the store. All around the store there are all kinds of big things! They even have a bathtub that is filled with gumballs and even a gigantic chocolate fountain that you can dip marshmallows into! On the walls they have really big lollipops and dots. Wherever you go you can always smell the great aroma of all of the candy they have. For instance smelling fresh made chocolate. Also, when you eat the candy, it truly is amazing! They have chocolate bars that you probably have never had in your life! Such as a banana nut pie chocolate bar and a Santa’s naughty list chocolate bar. This place really is amazing and will make all of your senses explode with joy!





Poems

Tanka Poem on New York City

I enjoy New York

It is very exciting

New York is crowded

No matter how far it goes

There are many things it shows

-Roger Irwin

Acrostic Poem on New York City

Never boring

Exciting

Wonderful

Youthful

Outstanding

Radical

Kind people

- Roger Irwin